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This is a request for filing a [ ] continuation-in-part [X] continuation [ ] divisional application under 37 CFR 1.62 of prior application Serial No. 07/864,151 filed on 04/02/92 entitled "METHOD AND DEVICE FOR VAPOR STERILIZATION OF ARTICLES HAVING LUMENS" by the following named inventor(s).

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The above-identified prior application in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application. (Note: 37 CFR 1.60 may be used for applications where the prior application is not to be abandoned.)

- Enter the amendment previously filed on <u>December 23, 1991</u> under 37 CFR 1.116 but unentered, in the prior application.
- 2. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

The filing fee is calculated on the basis on the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 1 and 2 above.

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